

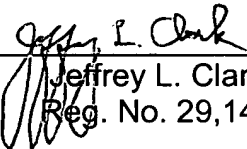
REMARKS

The amended claims as presented herein are believed to clearly distinguish from France Patent No. 2,524,060, which has been cited herein and was originally cited in the corresponding EPO application. France '060 has some similarities to the present invention, in that it uses an evaporator 19 and a radiator 8 for cooling and heating a vehicle cabin (and secondarily cooling engine fluid). However, its arrangement requiring five different sets of shutters (V_1 to V_5) to variously be changed depending upon the desired operation. With the present invention, only two doors need be controlled to provide a wide variability of operation including variable cabin heating depending on cabin heating requirements.

Claims 1-9 as presented herein are therefore believed to be allowable. Early notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

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